

REMARKS

As noted above, all of the prior claims are cancelled in favor of new claims 195-229 which are all directed to isolated biologically pure heteromeric T1R2/T1R3 receptors and compositions containing. Support for these claims may be found e.g., in the original claims 1-15, the sequences filed with the application, and the detailed description of the invention, particularly the definitions of T1R2 and T1R3, the sweet receptor et al. and the disclosure in examples 3-13, which exemplifies synthesis of isolated heteromeric sweet (T1R2/T1R3) sweet taste receptors according to the invention.

Based on the foregoing, favorable consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

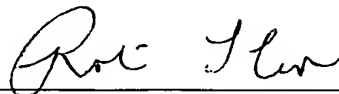
If there are any questions regarding this Preliminary Amendment or this application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

It is respectfully requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered as a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response and shortages in other fees, be charged, or any overpayment in fees

be credited, to the Account of Crowell & Moring, LLP, P.L.L.C., Deposit Account No.
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